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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC PINS IT SY (BATES, JONATHAN)

SUBJECT: BATES CASE

REF: STATE 192385; AMMAN 5202

1. ON OCT 1 WE DISCUSSED STATE REFTEL WITH RESPONSIBLE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL. RECALLING BARRATT CASE, OFFICIAL EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM THAT THIRD COUNTRY APPROACHES WOULD HAVE ANY IMPACT ON SARG RE BATES CASE. OFFICIAL ASSERTED IN ANY CASE THAT MINISTRY WOULD NOT RPT NOT DECIDE ON MATTER UNTIL IT CONSULTED FULLY WITH ITALIAN EMBASSY DAMASCUS, WHOSE VIEWS, ACCORDING TO SOURCE, WOULD BE DETERMINING FACTOR. OFFICIAL SAID HE WOULD CABLE DAMASCUS IMMEDIATELY FOR EMBASSY'S REACTION.

2. DURING FURTHER DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT, OFFICIAL TOOK MUCH THE SAME LINE AS THAT CONTAINED IN AMMAN REFTEL. HE ADVISED THAT IF THIRD COUNTRIES ARE TO BE ENGAGED, GREAT CARE BE GIVEN TO SELECTING  
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THOSE VERY FEW WHICH ARE DETERMINED TO HAVE EFFECTIVE INFLUENCE

WITH SYRIANS. MORE GENERALLY, SOURCE SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS UN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS SHOULD BE APPRISED OF BATES' SITUATION, ANY ASKED WHY PAKISTAN AS PROTECTING POWER FOR SYRIAN INTERESTS IN U.S. HAD BEEN OMITTED FROM THIRD COUNTRY LIST. SOURCE RECALLED THAT PAKISTANIS HAD BEEN QUITE ACTIVE ON BARRATT'S BEHALF.

3. IN CONCLUSION SOURCE REMARKED THAT AN "INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN" ON BATES COULD RISK POLITICIZING MATTER TO EXTENT THAT IT COULD MAKE SYRIANS MORE INFLEXIBLE ON CASE.

4. OFFICIAL SAID HE WOULD INFORM US AS SOON AS MINISTRY RECEIVED REACTION FROM ITALIAN EMBASSY DAMASCUS. VOLPE

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